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Lincoln Crafts Stressed at New Memorial

By LARRY MAY
Courier Staff Writer

LINCOLN CITY, Ind.—A tall, gangling boy of seven, tired after a long journey along wilderness trails, carrying family belongings because he was old enough to and a little extra because he was big enough to, came to the Indiana knoll selected by his father as the site of their future home.

For the next 14 years young Abraham Lincoln would live in a rude log cabin, acquiring the backwoods wisdom and developing a philosophy that would successfully carry him and a new nation through the dark hours of a bloody war.

The backwoods crafts that young Abe learned on the 180-acre farm — rail-splitting, crude farming and carpentry — engendered no love of labor in him. These crafts are being emphasized in a reconstruction of an 1816 farm at the place where young Abe dropped his pack and his body wearily, on that cold December day 152 years ago.

Archaeologists have carefully sifted the earth at the site, known from diaries, newspapers, old records and local legend, to try to help the National Park Service place the replica of the farmstead exactly where it stood during Lincoln's boyhood.

"The archaeologist couldn't precisely locate the old buildings," said Al Blanton, director of the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. "We used as a guide the fact ascertained from old records that the first cabin was 50 feet northwest of the cabin built later (called 'The Mansion')."

The Lincolns left no record of their farm layout, so the Park Service has used the historical method for grouping the cabin, smokehouse, barn, chickenhouse and corn crib, arranging them as they normally were on 1816 farms in Southern Indiana.

Blanton said the 1816 farm is one of several being constructed by the National Park Service throughout the country to preserve the historical development of farming in various sections of the country.

To equip the farm with the proper crops and tools, Blanton is scouring the countryside for seed of open-pollinated corn, cotton, dark-leaf tobacco, gourd, sunflower and hollyhock. He hopes to have these and other plants growing on the farm this summer.

He also is searching for a brindle cow, oxen, Spanish horses (a horse used for riding and work), a scythe and cradle, a broadaxe, a froe, a wooden single shovel plow and a sled, among other period implements.

Blanton said if the implements themselves can't be donated to the museum he can build replicas.

To re-construct the pioneer farm homestead, Blanton and his staff obtained log buildings from the Gentryville area, the Rockport area, Huntingburg area and the Jasper area. On Feb. 19, the crew began to clear the Lincoln homestead knoll and soon moved the logs — a few of which were 18 feet long, eight inches wide and two feet high — to the site. The longest logs

came from a double barn which actually was two barns separated by a driveway.

Using the old logs, making new shingles and their own daubing — a mixture of heavy red clay and cement — the crew completed the farmstead, down to wooden hinges for the doors. It will officially be open to the public on Memorial Day (May 30).

One of the workmen even carved a black oak stump into a seat and burned "Abe" into its back. The stump may or may not be a historical replica, but it is colorful, setting as it does between the house and smokehouse and providing a view across the knoll to verdant green hills through thick trees.

(A local legend is beginning

to grow around the stump. The story is that Sen. Robert Kennedy, campaigning in Indiana, stopped there as the workmen were celebrating the completion of the farmstead with a bean and cornstick supper. He accepted an invitation to the meal. After eating, Kennedy mounted the stump, and chopping away with a cornstick in his right hand, he made a brief speech.

Below the knoll where Abe once scuffed his toes in warm, summer dust and dreamed, the crew of workmen have been pulling stumps from bottom land, clearing new ground for a patch of corn where once Thomas and Abe dug, pushed, pulled and sweated to do the same chore with little more than broadaxes, prying poles and oxen.

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COLUMBUS DAY FILM FESTIVAL

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial plans to hold a Lincoln Film Festival over the Columbus Day holiday weekend, Saturday, October 8; Sunday, October 9; and Monday, October 10, 1983.

The film, "Lincoln, His Land and His People", will be shown four times daily: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., (CDT). The 30-minute film describes Lincoln-related historic sites in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, and Lincoln Home National Historic Site are places featured in this rousing Lincoln Heritage Trail film.

The Lincoln Boyhood film, "Here I Grew Up," narrated by the late Senator Everett Dirksen, will be presented on the hour each day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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GERALD SANDERS RECEIVES AWARD

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) National Park Ranger Gerald W. Sanders, 35, received the National Park Service's Quality Performance Award for his outstanding work at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. At a special staff recognition ceremony, Park Superintendent Norman D. Hellmers presented Jerry with a handsome plaque and congratulated him on behalf of the National Park Service for a job well done.

Jerry, the son of Junious and Florence Sanders of Tell City, Indiana, and a 15-year employee at Lincoln Boyhood, was recognized for his many accomplishments in the park's visitor service programs. Jerry coordinates activities which welcome 1/4-million visitors each year to the Memorial, including the visits of 12,000 school children. His success in organizing special interpretive and audio-visual programs, including his work on Lincoln Boyhood's Lincoln film collection, were especially noted. Jerry is in charge of the book sales outlet at the park, operated by the non-profit Eastern National Park & Monument Association. Through Eastern National, Jerry has published two books sold at the Memorial, including the Abraham Lincoln Fact Book, published earlier this year.

Sanders is a 1966 graduate of Dale High School and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Following military service, he graduated from Brescia College, Owensboro, Kentucky. He worked summers as a lifeguard and beach director at Lincoln State Park and as a seasonal ranger at the Memorial. He joined the permanent staff of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in 1972.

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GOVERNOR ORR TO SPEAK AT
LINCOLN DAY PROGRAM IN LINCOLN CITY

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The 175th birthday of Abraham Lincoln will be commemorated at the Lincoln Day Program on Sunday, February 12, at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City. Governor Robert D. Orr will be the featured speaker. The public is invited.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. (CST) in the Abraham Lincoln Hall of the Memorial Visitor Center. The program includes the Address by Governor Orr, music, and ceremonies to honor the memory of our sixteenth president and his mother. Following the indoor program, there will be the traditional pilgrimage to the gravesite of Nancy Hanks Lincoln for wreath-laying ceremonies.

This year's Lincoln Day celebration will include special exhibits and additional activities at the Memorial. These include: exhibition of a cup-board made by Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas; a U.S. Postal Service exhibit and operation of an anniversary station using a special cancellation; and historical and art displays.

The Lincoln Day Program is co-sponsored annually by the GFWC Lincoln Club of Southern Indiana and the National Park Service. The Lincoln Club of Southern Indiana celebrates an anniversary this year, as they have been preserving and promoting Indiana's Lincoln history for 25 years.

This year's program is especially significant. Historical sites throughout the country will be noting Lincoln's 175th anniversary year. This year also marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and the 40th anniversary of the Memorial Building at Lincoln City completed in 1944.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the Indiana farm where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 years -- from 1816 to 1830, and the site where his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried. The Memorial is located on Indiana Highway 162 adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles south of Dale, two miles east of Gentryville, and four miles west of Santa Claus, Indiana.

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THOMAS LINCOLN CUPBOARD EXHIBITED
AT LINCOLN BOYHOOD NATIONAL MEMORIAL

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Thanks to the City of Rockport, a cupboard made by Thomas Lincoln, father of President Lincoln, will be on exhibit at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City. The cupboard, made about 1826, has been loaned to the National Park Service during the 175th Anniversary year of Lincoln's birth.

One of several pieces of furniture known to have been made by Thomas Lincoln in Indiana, the cupboard will be on display in the Memorial Visitor Center. Photographs and information on other Thomas Lincoln furniture will also be exhibited.

Thomas Lincoln, in addition to being a pioneer farmer, was a skilled carpenter and cabinetmaker. William Woods, a Spencer County neighbor of the Lincoln's, recalled that "Thomas Lincoln often and at various times worked for me, made cupboards, etc., and other household furniture for me; he built my house." Christopher Graham, who also knew the Lincoln family well, claimed that "Tom Lincoln had the best set of carpenter's tools in the community."

Examples of Thomas Lincoln's furniture are on display in several major museums. The National Park Service is pleased that the City of Rockport permitted the exhibiting of the "Crawford-Meece cupboard" at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, where thousands of visitors will be able to gain a deeper appreciation of the culture in which Abraham Lincoln grew up.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS "LINCOLN, THE KENTUCKY YEARS"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a series of special Lincoln film presentations throughout the year at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. This year's Lincoln Film Series begins on the weekend of March 10, 11, 12 with "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years."

The film "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years," movingly describes the first seven years of Lincoln's pioneer environment in his native state of Kentucky. The film will be shown four times daily: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (CST).

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) International Museum Day provides an annual opportunity for museums of all sizes and kinds to call public attention to the purpose of museums and their role in the community. Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is marking the occasion by means of special pioneer exhibits.

From May 13 through 19, Lincoln Boyhood will feature special "Touch and Feel" exhibits in the Memorial Visitor Center. The park also operates the unique outdoor museum -- the Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site of Abraham Lincoln's youth and is an excellent example of the National Park Service's role in the museum field. With over 10 million objects and 53 acres of exhibits nationwide, the National Park Service has one of the largest museum operations in the world.

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SPECIAL NIGHTTIME DISPLAY OF U.S. FLAG

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial announces a special nighttime display of the U.S. Flag during three holiday weekends during 1984.

On Memorial Day weekend (May 26, 27, 28), Independence Day weekend (June 30, July 1,2), and Labor Day weekend (September 1,2,3), special nighttime lighting will be used to patriotically display the Memorial's large U.S. Flag.

The 120-foot tall flagpole was originally dedicated in 1931 by the Indiana Lincoln Union. At that time, the flagpole was located on the "island" in the middle of the Plaza parking area. The pole was moved to its present site at the north end of the Allee in 1944.

The 20 by 38-foot garrison flag has 50 stars measuring about ten inches from point to point, it has 18-inch wide stripes, and requires 4 to 6 persons to hoist, lower, and properly fold it. The flag used by the National Park Service at Lincoln Boyhood is the largest flag normally flown at a federal military base or park.

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MEMORIAL DAY LINCOLN FILM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial plans to hold a Lincoln film festival over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, 27, and 28.

The award-winning, 30-minute film, "The Assassination of Lincoln," will be shown four times daily, at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (CDT) on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 26-28. Admission is free. The film describes the conditions in the United States following the Civil War of 1861-1865, examines the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Lincoln, and investigates the theory of conspiracy in Lincoln's death.

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LET'S LOOK AT NATURE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to accompany a park ranger on scheduled nature walks this summer. The walks will introduce some of the natural features of the Memorial.

The guided nature walks will be conducted five times during the 1984 season with one trip offered daily beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 26, June 2, June 30, August 4, and August 18. The walks will last about one hour, and persons attending should expect to walk approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Walking boots or comfortable shoes are recommended.

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LINCOLN FARM GARDEN TOURS OFFERED

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial welcomes the public to tour the historic herb, vegetable, and field crop areas at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

The walks through the garden areas will be led by men and women in pioneer attire beginning at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. daily on June 3, June 17, and on June 27. Visitors should allow about an hour for the garden tour and should assemble outside the gate to the farm cabin at the appointed hour.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL FILM SHOWING

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The film, "The Face of Lincoln," will be shown this weekend at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. On Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, the film will be shown four times daily: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (CDT). On June 4 through 9 the film will be offered twice daily at 9:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The film "The Face of Lincoln," is unique in that the history of Lincoln's life is told by an art professor, who swiftly molds and sculpts Lincoln's face from youth to old age before our very eyes! You first meet Abe Lincoln the boy, then as the teenage pioneer, next a young man of the frontier, the beginning politician, the adult lawyer and husband, and finally Lincoln -- the careworn President.

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LEARN TO RIVE AND SPLIT

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, to learn to rive and split wooden shingles and fence rails.

After a short "how to" session, visitors will be invited to try their hand at splitting rails and shingles, much as Abraham Lincoln did during his boyhood years here in southern Indiana. Led by costumed demonstration farmers, the program, "Rive and Split," will be conducted three times during the 1984 visitor season -- June 9 and 10, August 4 and 5, and October 13 and 14, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The pioneer's abundance of wood and his pride in carpenter craftsmanship resulted in an amazing array of specialty tools. To split shingles and clapboards, a knife-type wedge called a froe was struck with a wooden club called a maul. Modern equipment made the froe obsolete about a century ago. Abraham Lincoln, the "railsplitter," used three tools to split rails: a wooden wedge called a "glut," a wooden sledge called a "beetle," and a metal wedge to begin the splitting process. Lincoln did not use his axe to split rails.

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PIONEER KIDS CORNER AT LINCOLN BOYHOOD

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) A special week-long "Kids Corner" program for youngsters and the young-at-heart will be held in the Memorial Visitor Center at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial beginning Sunday, June 17, through Saturday, June 23.

Kids Corner is the place where, for a little while, children can be pioneers in fact, as well as in spirit. Here you can see, look, touch and talk about old-time pioneer crafts, toys, clothing, pioneer ways -- and Abraham Lincoln. You'll see a collection of letters and artwork provided by some of the thousands of school children who visit the park each year.

To welcome you during the morning and afternoon hours each day will be a delightful hostess in pioneer dress and bonnet, Mary Conen. Mary, who is now a "VIP," Volunteer in the Park is the same, much-loved "pioneer lady" many of you found in the log cabin in years past at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. With her magic basket of pioneer things, Mary loves to show and tell about pioneer days and Lincoln ways with children and all who come.

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STAR SPANGLED BANNER TO FLY AT MEMORIAL
TO MARK FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Highlight of the June 14, Flag Day Program at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will be a huge 30 by 42 foot, fifteen-star and fifteen-stripe Star Spangled Banner.

This full-size flag is flown only on special occasions and is a replica of the one that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose our National Anthem. The original flag is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, D.C. The 15-star flag was the official U.S. Flag when the Lincolns arrived in Indiana in December of 1816.

The film, "The Star Spangled Banner," will be shown in the auditorium of the Memorial Visitor Center four times on June 14th: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (CDT). Free information on the history of the original flag and on Fort McHenry will be available.

Our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," is actually an account of the emotions felt by Francis Scott Key as he witnessed the September 13-14, 1814, attack on Fort McHenry at Baltimore, Maryland. That night when the flag was hardly visible, Key knew that his countrymen still held the fort because he saw it by the light of British rockets and bombs. The next morning, he saw the flag -- still waving defiantly over the ramparts. Then as the British fleet weighed anchor, Key began writing "The Star Spangled Banner." The song became so popular that in 1931 Congress declared it our National Anthem.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM SHOWINGS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will present special Lincoln film showings beginning Friday, June 16, and running through Thursday, June 22. The award-winning film, "Lincoln, Trial by Fire," is scheduled for showing twice daily, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (CDT).

The film describes the conditions of the country when Abraham Lincoln took office and the problems he faced with the Civil War and possible dissolution of the Union. Crisis followed crisis until Lincoln had no choice but to call upon his critic, General George McClellan, to lead the Army of the Potomac. The conflict between the two men and the events leading up to the Emancipation Proclamation form the heart of this historic study.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS "LINCOLN'S HORSEPOWER"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Workhorses were as necessary to the pioneer settlers of the 1820's as cars, trucks, and tractors are to use today. To call attention to the role of workhorses, some of today's "pioneer farmers" at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will share their "horse sense" and demonstrate "Lincoln's horsepower" in a special program for the public at 9:00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. (CDT) on three weekends this summer: June 23-24, July 28-29, and August 11-12.

The demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions (which feature the park's four-year-old mares, Babe and Maude, and a year-and-one-half daughter of Maude named Lottie) will be held at the site of Abraham Lincoln's Indiana home, now the Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

What commands are used when you want a horse to turn? What commands do you give when you want a horse to back up - stop - go? Why do workhorses wear a collar? Why do you trim a horse's hooves? Why were horses replaced by machine? Why is the horse again returning to work on farms of today? You can learn the answers to these and other questions by attending "Lincoln's Horsepower." The programs are free.

Year-round the horses may be found in the stableyard or pasture, or at work plowing or pulling the hay wagon on the Old Thomas Lincoln farmstead, site of today's popular Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY FILM SHOWINGS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will present the award-winning film, "A New Birth of Freedom," throughout the Independence Holiday weekend, June 30 through July 2. It will be shown free of charge four times daily in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. Show times are 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (CDT).

The film, "A New Birth of Freedom," tells the life story of Abraham Lincoln -- from his birth in 1809 in a wilderness log cabin, to his violent assassination 56 years later. Photographed in historic detail at the major National Park Service Lincoln-related sites, this cinematic saga relates the stirring story of his hard-working boyhood on the frontier, his self-education and study of law, his first steps into politics at age 25, his efforts to stop slavery from spreading into the territories, his election as President, the saving of the Union from dissolution, and his martyrdom.

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LEARN TO CARD AND SPIN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

In the short span of two generations, practical knowledge of the art of spinning no longer exists in most American homes. Most grandmothers, aunts, and mothers who knew the art of spinning are gone. With electrically powered machines none had seen any necessity of passing on these skills to the next generation.

Visitors who attend "Learn to Card and Spin" will be given the opportunity to learn something of our pioneer heritage - the art of hand carding and spinning wool and cotton. Cotton spinner, Mr. Hugh Trosper of Paoli, Indiana will join the staff of Lincoln Boyhood to explain and demonstrate the art of spinning cotton.

The Program will be conducted twice during the 1984 season: July 7-8, and October 6-7, 1984. Program hours are 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT).

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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"LINCOLN IN HOLLYWOOD" FILM SPECIALS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to see "Lincoln in Hollywood"! On July 14, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will offer a special free showing of the 1939 film classic, "Young Mr. Lincoln." On July 15, a special screening of the 1940 film classic, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," will be presented. The 90-minute films will be shown in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium at 12:00 noon daily.

In the film "Young Mr. Lincoln," a young Henry Fonda and a young John Ford combine their genius in this surprisingly fresh and totally engrossing biography of Abraham Lincoln. With a light humorous approach, the film presents Lincoln as an average American, enamored with the law and brilliantly gifted at using simple homespun philosophy to reveal elusive truths.

In the film "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," Abraham Lincoln's life, including the Stephen Douglas debates and the Gettysburg Address, are presented. Starring Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart, and Ruth Gordon, this classic Lincoln film is based on Robert Sherwood's Pulitzer Prize-winning play.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS "LINCOLN IN KENTUCKY DAY"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will host a special "Lincoln in Kentucky Day" on Tuesday, July 17.

The day-long celebration will feature a film on Lincoln's life in Kentucky titled "The Kentucky Years," a Lincoln in Kentucky photo exhibit, and free informational histories on Lincoln's years in Kentucky.

The film, "The Kentucky Years," describes the pioneer environment which young Abraham experienced with his family. Lincoln lived in Kentucky until the age of seven.

The film will be shown four times daily: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (CDT). The photo exhibit and free informational histories will be available at any time during the day.

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MEET AN INDIANA PIONEER

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial plans to hold a special "Meet An Indiana Pioneer" Program during the weekend of July 21-22, at the park's Living Historical Farm.

Costumed park interpreters will become pioneers in thought, word, and deed, and will invite you to step into the past, for a little while at least, to learn about pioneer living similar to that experienced by the earliest settlers in Indiana. Throughout this special weekend, you may even get to meet some of the Lincoln's friends and neighbors, living here in the Little Pigeon Creek Community of 1824! Members of the Living Farm Staff will assume a particular personality and bring Indiana's pioneer past back to life.

The "Meet An Indiana Pioneer" Program is part of a continuing series of special interpretive activities throughout 1984 to note the 175th and 200th birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL LINCOLN FILMS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will conduct a Lincoln Film Series during the weekends of August 4-5 and August 11-12.

This six-hour series, "Sandburg's Lincoln," starring Hal Holbrook and Sada Thompson, will be presented in two three-hour segments beginning at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on August 4 and 5, and August 11 and 12. The films will be shown in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium and admission is free.

August 4 and 11 (9:00 a.m.)
THE PRAIRIE LAWYER

Young Lawyer, Abraham Lincoln, rides the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Illinois. Lincoln has a courtship with Mary Owen. Lincoln defends Henry Truett, on trial for murder, with Stephen Douglas as the prosecutor. Lincoln meets Mary Todd at a dance in Springfield, Illinois.

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COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND FILM SHOWINGS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will be showing a special film about Abraham Lincoln to mark the Columbus Day Holiday weekend, Saturday, October 6; Sunday, October 7; and Monday, October 8.

The film, "Lincoln, His Land and His People," will be shown twice daily: at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., (CDT). The 30-minute film describes Lincoln-related historic sites in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, and Lincoln Home National Historic Site are Lincoln sites featured in this rousing Lincoln Heritage Trail film. Admission is free.

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PIONEER SKILLS WEEKEND - CANDLE DIPPING

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

Following a short "how to" lesson and the history of candlemaking, visitors will be invited to actually make candles the way the Lincoln family did during their 14 years here in southern Indiana. The program will be conducted by pioneer women at the Lincoln Farm during the weekend of October 20-21. Program hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BY CANDLELIGHT WALK

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a "Lincoln by Candlelight" walk October 27.

The candlelight walk will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CDT) Saturday evening. Participants should meet at the Living Historical Farm parking area. The walk will proceed from there to the farm cabin where special activities are planned. Persons attending the one-two hour program should wear comfortable walking shoes. Sweaters or coats are recommended.

Saturdays "candlelight walk" program marks the end of the season activity at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. Beginning Saturday, October 28, the Living Farm becomes an exhibit in place until April of next year.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD ANNOUNCES WINTER SCHEDULE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will change to a winter schedule of operation beginning Sunday, October 28. The change will limit the operation of the Lincoln Living Historical Farm to an "exhibit" with no scheduled interpretive services except by advance reservation. The Lincoln Living Historical Farm will resume full operation in mid-April 1985.

The Memorial Visitor Center remains open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) year-round. (The Visitor Center is closed only on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day.) The park grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk year-round so that visitors may walk the trails which lead to the gravesite of President Lincoln's mother and to the Lincoln pioneer farmstead, and return to the Memorial Visitor Center via the Trail of Twelve Stones.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Black History Month observed during February each year provides an opportunity for organizations of all sizes and kinds to call attention to the many contributions made by Black Americans to our society.

Black citizens have struggled to win freedom, equality, and respect. For over 40 years, throughout the National Park System, Black Americans and their achievements have been recognized. Today there are six parks and two other areas that honor the careers of black men and women. Throughout February, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will feature a special Black History Exhibit highlighting some of the National Park Service areas which memorialize their contributions.

The state of Indiana, too, is proud of its black heritage. Indiana University All-American George Taliaferro, Miss Indiana, Patricia Patterson, and Mercer Mance, Indiana's first elected judge, are but a few of the Black Hoosiers who have made significant contributions to our society.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL LINCOLN FILMS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will present a Lincoln Film Series during the weekend of February 23-24, 1985. This six-hour series, "Sandburg's Lincoln," starring Hal Holbrook and Sada Thompson, will be offered in two three-hour segments with showtimes at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and at 1:00 p.m. (CST). The films will be shown in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium and admission is free.

February 23 (11:00 a.m.)
THE PRAIRIE LAWYER

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February 24 (11:00 a.m.)
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(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial has scheduled the award-winning, 30-minute film, "The Assassination of Lincoln" for showing during the weekend of March 16-17, 1985. Showtime is at 12:00 noon Central Time in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. Admission is free.

The film describes the conditions in the United States following the Civil War of 1861-1865, examines the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Lincoln, and investigates the theory of conspiracy in Lincoln's death.

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LIVING HISTORICAL FARM OPENS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial has announced the opening of the Lincoln Living Historical Farm for 1985. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT) daily beginning April 21, 1985.

The Lincoln Living Historical Farm depicts daily life on an 1820's pioneer farm, as lived by the Lincoln family. Located on the original Thomas Lincoln farm, the Living Farm features a reconstructed log home, stable, workshop, smokehouse, and other farm buildings. A "working" milk cow, sweaty plow horses, woolly sheep and chickens roam the farmyard and fields. Throughout the spring, summer, and fall, you'll find pioneers hard at work. The "Wimminfolk" will be found cooking one-pot-style over the hearth coals, making bread, tending garden, churning butter, and spinning wool, cotton and flax grown on the farm. The men plow, plant, weed, harvest and store crops. They tend the animals, repair the chinked and shake-roofed buildings, and often, with maul, wedge and glut, they split logs into rails, just the way Abraham Lincoln did 160 years ago.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBIT "THE EARLY YEARS"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will exhibit a series of historic photographs throughout the 1985 visitor season. The season's first exhibit titled "Lincoln Boyhood, The Early Years", will be on display daily from May 1 through May 31, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center. Admission is free.

The black and white photographs feature many historic views of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The Memorial, which was originally conceived and completed by the people of Indiana, has had an interesting past. These photographs offer you glimpses of the past from 1865 to the mid-1930's.

Lincoln Boyhood welcomes the opportunity to look at your historic paintings, photographs, postcards, and sketches of subjects related to early park and local history. The park wishes to copy any item of historic interest and place the copies on file in the park archives for research, genealogy, and further exhibit. For more information, write or call Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial at (812) 937-4757.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL LINCOLN FILM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The inspirational film, "The Face of Lincoln," will be shown on two consecutive weekends at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. On June 1-2, and June 8-9, the film will be shown two times daily, 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. (CDT). Admission is free.

The film "The Face of Lincoln," is unique in that the history of Lincoln's life is told by an art professor, who swiftly molds and sculpts Lincoln's face from youth to old age before your very eyes! You first meet Abe Lincoln the boy, then as the teenage pioneer, next a young man of the frontier, the beginning politician, the adult lawyer and husband, and finally Lincoln -- the careworn President.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN THE PRESIDENT - BOOTH THE ACTOR/ASSASSIN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to see a special photograph exhibit featuring Abraham Lincoln, and John Wilkes Booth.

The exhibit, "Lincoln the President - Booth the Actor/Assassin," will be on display for public viewing daily, June 1 through June 30, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center.

"It is a small room, it is fifteen feet long, and about ten feet wide. Into this room President Lincoln is carried. The bed is too small for him. The President is unconscious. His pulse is weak - his wound is mortal."

"After being hunted like a dog through swamps, and woods, Booth was surrounded at his tobacco hiding place. Suddenly a shot rang out, and Booth fell to the ground. His lips moved. Tell mother ... I died for my country." John Wilkes Booth died before he could tell his story.

Is a picture worth a thousand words? Come see for yourself! Meet the likenesses of Abraham Lincoln, and John Wilkes Booth in the exhibit.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS "MAKING GLUTS, MAULS,
AND HANDLES"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend August 17-18 at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, to learn how to fashion some pioneer wooden handtools called Gluts, Mauls, and Handles. The 2 hour programs will be offered twice each day beginning at 9:00 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. (CDT).

Following a short "how to" session, visitors will be invited to try their hands at the construction of these hand tools, just as Abraham Lincoln did during his boyhood years here in Southern Indiana.

The pioneer's abundance of wood and his pride in good carpentry resulted in the need for an amazing array of wooden tools. Abraham Lincoln, the "railsplitter," used three tools to split rails; he used a wooden wedge called a "glut," a wooden sledge call a "maul," and a metal wedge to begin the splitting process. Many tools still require wooden handles including the axe, the maul, and the hoe. Both handmade tools are nearly a thing of the past because of modern manufacturing methods. So come, learn by doing and take a piece of pioneer America home with you.

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PIONEER WASHDAYS AT LINCOLN LIVING HISTORICAL FARM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend the parks, "Pioneer Washday" program, the weekend of August 24-25 at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. The program will be offered daily beginning at 9:30 a.m. Visitor participating in this "hands-on" activity should assemble outside the back door of the farm cabin at the appointed time.

Pioneer women worked hard. Besides the bruden of cooking, there were many others. Washing was one such chore. On washdays, the men and boys in the family usually carried buckets of water to fill the kettle, which was suspended over the fire. After the kettle was hung, the women took over, "battin" and then "rubbin" and "bile'in". Determined, hardworking, "washwimin" could do a week's wash'in in from four to six hours work.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, U.S. Department of the Interior, is located on Indiana Highway 162, four miles south of Dale, Indiana and four miles west of Santa Claus, Indiana. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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THOMAS LINCOLN FURNITURE EXHIBITED
AT LINCOLN BOYHOOD NATIONAL MEMORIAL

(Lincoln City, Indiana) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is pleased to announce a special exhibit of furniture made by Thomas Lincoln, the father of our sixteenth president. On display will be a lift-top cherry desk on loan from a private home in Dubois County, and a two-door, four-shelf cupboard, which is part of the O.V. Brown historical collection.

These two pieces of furniture are part of several pieces known to have been constructed by Thomas Lincoln in Indiana. They will be on display in the Memorial Visitor Center during September and October from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photographs and information about other furniture made by Thomas Lincoln will also be available.

Thomas Lincoln, in addition to being a pioneer farmer, was a skilled carpenter and cabinetmaker. William Woods, a Spencer County neighbor of the Lincolns, recalled that "Thomas Lincoln often and at various times worked for me, made cupboards, etc., and other household furniture for me; he built my house." Christopher Graham, who also knew the Lincoln family well, said that "Tom Lincoln had the best set of carpenter's tools in the community."

Examples of Thomas Lincoln's furniture are on display in several major museums. The National Park Service is deeply grateful to the owners of these pieces of furniture for their thoughtful interest in making these historical pieces available to Lincoln Boyhood for viewing by the public.

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LEARN TO CARD AND SPIN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. The two-hour programs of carding and spinning will be offered on October 5-6, from 9 to 11 a.m. and again from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (CDT) each day.

Visitors who attend "Learn to Card and Spin" will be given the opportunity to learn something of our pioneer heritage -- the art of hand carding and spinning wool and cotton.

In the short span of two generations, practical knowledge of the art of spinning no longer exists in most American homes. Most grandmothers, aunts, and mothers who knew the art of spinning are gone. With electrically powered machines, no one saw any necessity of passing on these skills to the next generation.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 formative years -- from 1816 to 1830. The Memorial is located at Lincoln City on Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles south of Dale, and four miles west of Santa Claus. The Memorial Visitor Center is open daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT). Telephone (812) 937-4757. Admission is free.

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DIPPING CANDLES THE PIONEER WAY

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend on October 12 and 13, at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, to learn methods of making candles much like the Lincoln family did during their years in Indiana.

The program, led by the pioneer ladies at the cabin, will be offered twice daily from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and again from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT).

Following a short "how to" session, visitors will then be invited to dip candles by hand.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS "LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS WEEKEND"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will host a special "Lincoln in Illinois Weekend" on Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13.

The weekend celebration will feature a film on Lincoln's life in Illinois titled "Mr. Lincoln's Springfield," a Lincoln in Illinois photo exhibit, and free informational notes about Lincoln's years in Illinois.

The film, "Mr. Lincoln's Springfield," will acquaint viewers with Lincoln's family, his friends, and the Springfield, Illinois environment in which Lincoln honed his skills to become a successful lawyer.

The movie will be offered twice daily in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. Show times are at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. (CDT). Admission is free.

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COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND FILM SHOWINGS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will present the 20-minute color film, "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years," to mark the Columbus Day Holiday Weekend, October 5-7. Showtimes are at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. Admission is free.

Narrated by Burgess Meredith, the film describes the events of the first seven years of Lincoln's life in his native state of Kentucky.

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Lincoln City, Indiana 47552

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD ANNOUNCES WINTER OPERATIONS SCHEDULE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will change to a winter schedule of operations beginning Sunday, October 27. The change will limit the operation of the Lincoln Living Historical Farm to an "exhibit" with no scheduled interpretive services except by advance reservation. The Lincoln Living Historical Farm will resume full operation in mid-April, 1986.

The Memorial Visitor Center remains open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT) year-round. (The Visitor Center is closed only on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day.) The park grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk year-round so that visitors may walk the trails which lead to the gravesite of President Lincoln's mother and to the Lincoln pioneer farmstead, and return to the Memorial Visitor Center via the Trail of Twelve Stones.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site where Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried and where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 formative years -- from 1816 to 1830. The Memorial is located at Lincoln City on Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles south of Dale, and four miles west of Santa Claus. Telephone (812) 937-4757. Admission is free.

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Nancy Hanks Lincoln Painting "Comes Home"

LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA A painting of Nancy Hanks Lincoln has found a permanent home at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Mrs. Nancy Baber McNeill, a resident of Santa Barbara, California, and a native of Kansas, Illinois, presented the painting of President Abraham Lincoln's mother to the National Park Service for permanent display at the Memorial. Visitors young and old will now be able to enjoy this impression of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in the very setting where she lived as a pioneer mother and where she is buried among the graceful old trees of Spencer County in southern Indiana.

Mrs. McNeill is the daughter of the late Illinois historian and genealogist, Adin Baber, who was a direct descendant of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's sister, Sarah Hanks Hanks Varvell.

The walnut-framed oil painting measuring about 22 by 25 inches and dated February 12, 1963, was painted by Baber's friend, the noted artist and Lincoln-photograph collector, Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Baber commissioned Ostendorf to paint the portrait as an

illustration for one of his books, Nancy Hanks, the Destined Mother of a President.

The painting was first unveiled in a ceremony at the Chicago Historical Society in 1963. It had been most recently housed at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield. The picture is unique since it is actually a composite of the Hanks family based on 175 old photographs, tintypes, and daguerrotypes. No historic paintings of Nancy Hanks are known to exist. "It is a portrait of a typical pioneer woman," Mrs. McNeill said. "It conveys the feeling of strength and quiet resignation that one associates with that generation."

In accepting the gift for the National Park Service, Norman D. Hellmers, Superintendent of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, said that the portrait of Nancy Hanks Lincoln will find a permanent home in the foyer of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Hall of the Memorial Visitor Center at Lincoln City. Here it will be viewed by the nearly 250,000 visitors from the United States and from all over the world who visit Lincoln's Indiana home each year. Hellmers said that Mrs. Nancy Baber McNeill's thoughtful gift to the Nation of the portrait of Nancy Hanks Lincoln will enable all who come to appreciate and understand more fully the meaning and influence that this mother and her son had on the destiny of America and the world.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM ON LINCOLN'S KENTUCKY YEARS

(Lincoln City, Indiana) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. On Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9, the film feature is "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years" narrated by film star Burgess Meredith. The film will be shown two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. (CST) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. Abraham Lincoln's earliest recollection of his youth was of his family's third Kentucky farm on Knob Creek. In Kentucky, the Lincoln children attended "A.B.C." schools for short periods of time. Lincoln remembered the baby brother who died there, and he remembered listening to his mother as she read the family Bible. When only seven, he and his family moved to Indiana "partly on account of slavery, but chiefly on account of the difficulty in land titles in Kentucky." This fast-paced and beautiful film describes those first seven years of Lincoln's life in his birth state of Kentucky.

Administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is on Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles west of Santa Claus, Indiana. Entrance to the Memorial and all activities are free.

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To: Persons interested in the Lincoln Boyhood Drama

From: Executive Committee

To those of you that do not already know, the acquisition and continuance of a drama project such as ours is not easy. In fact it seems that in the past few years the outdoor drama industry has suffered some difficulties. The following are excerpts from a speech made by George Thorn as a keynote address before the 1983 managers', directors' and promoters' conference of outdoor theaters:

"I think that we are losing the kind of working partnership with our boards, our directors, and our volunteer support that is so necessary. Such a partnership is absolutely essential, and is focused on a common goal-our productions.

Our boards are not functioning as working, fundraising, governing boards of trustees. They've gotten tired, and have lost their commitment to the idea and the vision. They have been unable to accept contributed income as a fact of life for not-for-profit arts' organizations. We have to remind ourselves of four basic responsibilities of being on the board of trustees. First, is to be the unqualified advocate of the project. I'm not talking about a rubber stamp! We should fight, argue, and debate around the board table, but once the decision has been made, everyone must work for it in an unqualified manner.

Second, the board member should perform the service he or she was recruited to perform. Why have we asked this person to be on the board? What is this member's service? Is it accounting or legal or fundraising? What, exactly, is his or her area of expertise?

Third, every board member must participate in the annual fund drive.

Fourth, every board member must make a leadership gift.

I'd like to deal with this whole fundraising question for just a moment-this whole area of contributed income. It seems a question I think most of our boards and most of our projects are very insensitive about. I'm not in any way suggesting that we lessen the most positive balance we can establish between earned and contributed

income. It's so much easier to raise money if the seats are full; it's like root canal to try to raise money if there are no people in the seats. But we must continue, I think, to educate ourselves as well as our boards and our community, to the rationale of contributed income.

In my opinion, one of the basic differences between a for-profit corporation and a not-for-profit corporation is that in a for-profit corporation, all the money comes from sales. In a not-for-profit corporation, a certain amount of money comes from sales, and a certain amount from contributed income. So when we are raising money, we are doing what is appropriate for our structure. We are not begging. We are not going hat-in-hand. We are not failures. We are doing what is appropriate for our organization. In most arts organizations, it is hoped that the sales and the earned income will account for most of the operative needs and contributed income for the growth and development and the artistic refurbishment, whatever needs to be done on our productions.

If someone is not raising money, there are three things to look at.

First, raising money is not an inherited trait; raising money is a learned skill. Anyone who says, 'I just can't raise money,' should be reminded of three things that are necessary in fundraising: 1) the person must be taught how to do it, 2) he must have the tools to with, and, 3) he must believe in what he's raising money for. No one can raise money for something he does not passionately believe is important to the community. If we are having trouble with our fundraising, we need to look at these three points.

The question we need to ask ourselves about our show is, 'Is the production and management competitive with all other arts entertainment events, leisure-time activities, and tourism attractions?' Most of the competition for the potential audience is in a growth phase. They are aggressively and positively securing a share of the market. If we conclude we are not keeping up with some of our competition, we need to go back and look at what we can do about it. The obvious excuse is we don't have enough money. We could all list the reasons we don't have enough money; the trick is to figure out how we're going to get it in order to do what we must for our shows to continue to grow and develop. For those of us who are contemplating new shows, we need to get the necessary funds to launch them in a professional manner--well-capitalized, well-marketed, and capitalized for two or three years until they can be permanently established.

Other arts activities in this country are making progress, are growing and developing in the same climate-against the same odds and trends we are up against. We've seen in the last five years some really incredible growth in dance and music and some of the other theatre forms. I think we can overcome these obstacles that are facing us, because it is possible and other groups are doing it. I think that we cannot turn to the Institute of Outdoor Drama and say, 'fix it.' It just can't work that way.

Take another fellow theater service organization, TCG, Theater Communications Group, which is a service organization for the not-for-profit indoor companies. That particular field is moving forward, not because Peter Zeisler sits at a desk in New York and calls the shots. They're moving forward because they're working toward common goals and they're making the dollars and human resources available to TCG to accomplish these goals. The same is true of other arts organization. None of the service organizations can do all the work. The work must be done by the members of the industry and their service organizations together.

We seem to be on a cycle. Budgets are not keeping pace. Artistic and production quality and facilities may be deteriorating. Boards are tired. Management and marketing is not aggressively keeping pace with today's environment.

I think it's time to break the cycle. I think the cycle can be broken. But it will require an enormous effort by everyone in the industry as a whole and each and every production that is being planned or is up and running. The function of the theater is to create, to entertain, to communicate. Survival alone is not a goal. If we are hanging by our thumbs, maybe we should **close**. The goal is to entertain the audience....

Two thoughts in closing. One, I think sometimes we have to remind ourselves, the community, and our boards of the assets of an outdoor drama. One asset for me is that outdoor drama is, as far as I know, the last real family entertainment we have in this country, as an art form. It's very difficult for a family to go to a movie today with any security, but outdoor drama is still family entertainment. It is not elitist-we serve the widest possible audience. We serve audiences that no other art form has been able to get into the theater. It is informal. There is a very real human connection between what goes on onstage and what goes on in the

audience, as opposed to most performances we go to, which are very formal--there is a great distance between the art and the audience, and a great lack of involvement.

We also have as an asset the total event and environment which an outdoor drama represents. All other art forms today are scrambling around trying to figure out 'how can we make our presentation an event, something exciting, something that involves an audience when it comes in and gets it excited?'

Another major asset is the size, the scale, the spectacle of our shows. Again, when you go to other theater, you're lucky to see two actors on one set. Where else can you see forty, fifty, seventy, eighty actors horses, cannons, all the things we do, and a story?

All our dramas are community-based. They go into the community, they're a part of the community, and they're about the community. A lot of other art forms in this country are forced on a region, or a community.

And the last asset for me, and I know there are others you all have, is of course that it serves as professional development for many people. Many people come into this field through outdoor drama."

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LINCOLN THE PRESIDENT - BOOTH THE ACTOR/ASSASSIN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to see a special photograph exhibit featuring Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth. The exhibit, "Lincoln the President - Booth the Actor/Assassin," will be on display for public viewing daily March 1 through March 31, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST) in the Memorial Visitor Center.

"With singular audacity the assassin stood there (on the stage after shooting the President,) long enough to photograph himself forever seen in the minds of those among the throng who had never seen him before. They saw a slim, graceful figure, elegantly clad, waving a dagger with a gesture that none but a tragedian would have made; a classic face, pale as marble, lighted up by two gleaming eyes... and surmounted by waves of curling, jet black hair." "After being hunted like a dog through swamps and woods, Booth was surrounded at his tobacco barn hiding place. Suddenly a shot rang out, and Booth fell to the ground. John Wilkes Booth died before he could tell his story." Booths contemporaries saw Booth as he always was, right up to the last moment, a combination of "...roguery and dash, brilliance and artistry ... craftiness and evil intention."

Only in a photograph can we begin to understand the man who killed the President. Come see for yourself. Meet the likenesses of Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth in the exhibit.

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(March 21, 1986)



LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL LINCOLN FILMS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will offer a Lincoln Film Series during the weekend of March 29-30, 1986. This six-hour series, "Sandburg's Lincoln," starring Hal Holbrook and Sada Thompson, will be offered in three one-hour segments with showtimes at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and at 1:00 p.m. (CST). The films will be shown in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium and admission is free.

March 29 (11:00 a.m.)
THE PRAIRIE LAWYER

Young Lawyer, Abraham Lincoln, rides the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Illinois. Lincoln has a courtship with Mary Owen. Lincoln defends Henry Truett, on trial for murder, with Stephen Douglas as the prosecutor. Lincoln meets Mary Todd at a dance in Springfield, Illinois.

March 29 (12:00 noon)
CROSSING FOX RIVER

Abraham Lincoln receives the Republican nomination for President. Lincoln and his aides begin the selection of his potential cabinet members. South Carolina secedes from the Union. Lincoln is elected the 16th President of the United States amid much turmoil and talk of war. The Lincoln family moves to Washington, D.C. for the inauguration.

March 29 (1:00 p.m.)
THE UNWILLING WARRIOR

Expecting an attempt on Lincoln's life in Baltimore, Pinkerton's detectives sneak Lincoln into Washington on a different train. Lincoln takes some lessons in war strategy from a young friend and officer who later becomes the first Union Officer killed in the Civil War. Secretary of War, Simon Cameron, is reassigned as Ambassador to Russia after Lincoln discovers that Cameron has been making a large profit by reselling supposedly defective arms back to the government. Lincoln discusses with General McClellan his promotion to General of the Army. When McClellan doesn't work out, Lincoln appoints Ulysses S. Grant to replace him. Lincoln visits Richmond near the end of the war.

March 30 (11:00 a.m.)
MRS. LINCOLN'S HUSBAND

Mary Todd Lincoln's southern sister raises suspicions by visiting the White House. Rumors spread that Mrs. Lincoln is actually a Southern spy. Twelve-year-old Willie Lincoln, third son of the Lincolns, dies of malaria. Mary shows her temper as she goes into a jealous rage at General Ord's wife. Mary's loyalty is questioned by a Congressional committee.

March 30 (12:00 noon)
SAD FIGURE LAUGHING

Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon Chase, is torn between his loyalty to the President and his desire to become President. His supporters issue pamphlets and newspaper articles pushing his campaign without his full support. Chase offers his resignation, but Lincoln tells him that it is not necessary. Later, over another matter, Chase again resigns and much to everyone's surprise, Lincoln accepts. Lincoln is again nominated for a second term even though he has some self-doubts. Lincoln is reelected in 1864 and is sworn in by the newly appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Salmon Chase.

March 30 (1:00 p.m.)
LAST DAYS

The Civil War is finally over and President Lincoln and his Cabinet discuss reconstruction of the South. Lincoln has a premonition of his own death. President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln, on an afternoon in the country, April 14, 1865, discuss their plans and desires for their time together after Lincoln leaves the Presidency.

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(March 27, 1986)



LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL LINCOLN HERITAGE TRAIL FILM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. On Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, 1986, the film "Lincoln, His Land and His People" will be featured. The film will be shown two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. (CST) in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium.

Along the 2,200-mile Lincoln Heritage Trail through Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, visitors see forts and fairs and festivals... communities settled by visionaries seeking cultural freedom and land. Today modern marvels of sound and light re-create yesterday's historic moments. This is today's Land of Lincoln. Join us in the fun of viewing the places Lincoln lived; come see three of America's finest National Parks which remember our 16th President. The Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Kentucky, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Indiana, and Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Illinois are featured.

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"LINCOLN IN HOLLYWOOD" FILM PRESENTATION

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special film presentation, "Lincoln in Hollywood." On April 12-13 and again on April 19-20, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will offer free showings of the 1939 film classic, "Young Mr. Lincoln," starring Henry Fonda. Showtime is 12 noon daily in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium. The film runs about 90 minutes.

Lincoln was a successful lawyer with a large practice. Penniless and unemployed for much of 1832, Abraham Lincoln "thought of trying to study law" but "rather thought he could not succeed at that without a better education." Throughout his career Lincoln had a varied law practice involving disputes over property and debts, murders, divorces, and slander. In the film, "Young Mr. Lincoln," Henry Fonda and a young director John Ford combine their genius with this surprisingly fresh and totally engrossing biography of Abraham Lincoln. Using a light, humorous approach, the film presents Lincoln as an average American, brilliant at the law, and adept at using simple, homespun philosophy to win his court cases.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBIT "THE EARLY YEARS"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will exhibit a series of historic photographs throughout the 1986 visitor season. The season's first exhibit titled "Lincoln Boyhood, The Early Years", will be on display daily from May 1 through May 31, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center. Admission is free.

The black and white photographs feature many historic views of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The Memorial, which was originally conceived and completed by the people of Indiana, has had an interesting past. These photographs offer you glimpses of the past from 1865 to the mid-1930's.

Lincoln Boyhood welcomes the opportunity to view your own historic paintings, photographs, postcards, and sketches of subjects related to early park and local history. The park is interested in copying items of historic interest for research, genealogical, and reference purposes. For more information, write or call Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial at (812) 937-4757.

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(April 22, 1986)

LIVING HISTORICAL FARM OPENS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service and Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial announces the opening of the Lincoln Living Historical Farm for the 1986 season. Hours of operation this year will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (CDT) beginning Sunday, April 27.

Visitors from all over the world visit Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial to learn about the nationally and internationally celebrated figure, Abraham Lincoln. They learn here that Lincoln was a frontier boy and young man much like many others of his time. Here he worked and played, developed manual skills, read books, shared a family life, earned his first dollar, and experienced love and tragedy.

Costumed interpreters at the farm illustrate pioneer domestic arts and crafts, pioneer farming methods, and other activities connected with pioneer life. Visitors will find men and wimminfolk doing the same things the Lincolns did when they lived here. Each day there are a number of chores that have to be done, such as chopping fire wood, feeding the animals, and milking the cow. Throughout the season, activities such as cooking, sewing, splitting rails, riving shingles, and spinning wool and flax are performed by the men and women on the farm.

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(May 16, (1986)



MEMORIAL DAY LINCOLN FILM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The award-winning, 30-minute film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" will be offered during the three day Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 through May 26. The film will be shown two times daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. Admission is free.

On April 14, 1864, Abraham Lincoln became the first American President to be assassinated. The shock and mourning that followed Abraham Lincoln's assassination was profound and widespread. The martyred president quickly became the most beloved of American heroes. Why was Lincoln murdered by John W. Booth? Was there a high level of conspiracy to kill the President? Did Lincoln's own War Department know of the plot to kidnap and kill the President? Why wasn't John W. Booth captured alive when he could have been? Since Lincoln's assassination sensationalists have had a field day over the unanswered or twisted reasons for Booth's terrible deed. This film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" attempts to answer some of these questions. The film is unique in that it also deals with the conditions, circumstances, and theories behind Lincoln's death.

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(May 20, 1986)



LINCOLN BOYHOOD FILM ON LINCOLN'S FACE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Saturday through Sunday, May 31-June 7, the film feature is "The Face of Lincoln." The film will be offered two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium. Admission is free.

The film "The Face of Lincoln" is unique in that the history of Lincoln's life is told by an art professor who swiftly molds and sculpts Lincoln's face from youth to old age before your very eyes! You first meet Abe Lincoln the boy, then as the teenage pioneer, next as a young frontiersman, then the beginning politician, the adult lawyer and husband, and finally Lincoln -- the careworn President.

Administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, Indiana, is located on Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, and four miles west of Santa Claus, Indiana. The Memorial Visitor Center is open daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT). Telephone (812) 937-4757. Admission is free.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(June 5, 1986)

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STAR SPANGLED BANNER TO FLY AT MEMORIAL TO MARK FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The highlight of the June 14, Flag Day Program at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will be a huge 30 by 42 foot, fifteen-star and fifteen-stripe Star Spangled Banner.

The full-size flag is flown from the park's 120-foot tall "Great Flagpole" only on special occasions. It is a replica of the one that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose our National Anthem. The original flag is now at the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, D.C. The 15-star flag was the official flag when the Lincolns arrived in Indiana in December of 1816.

The film, "The Star Spangled Banner," is actually an account of the emotions felt by Francis Scott Key as he witnessed the September 13-14, 1814 attack on Fort McHenry at Baltimore, Maryland. That night when the flag was hardly visible, Key knew that his countrymen still held the fort because he saw it by the light of British rockets and bombs. The next morning, he saw the flag still waving defiantly over the ramparts. Then as the British fleet weighed anchor, Key began writing "The Star Spangled Banner." A day later, Key's poem, printed

on handbills, was distributed through Baltimore. Actor Ferdinand Durang, of Baltimore first sang the words to the popular tune of an old English drinking song called, "To Anacreon in Heaven." The words and music have remained uniquely American ever since. In 1931, Congress declared "The Star Spangled Banner" our National Anthem.

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(June 11, 1986)

Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LEARN TO CARD AND SPIN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands-on" pioneer skills weekend, June 21-22nd, at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. The two-hour program will be offered at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) each day.

Visitors who attend "Learn to Card and Spin" will be given the opportunity to learn something of our pioneer heritage - the art of hand carding and spinning wool.

In the short span of a few generations, practical knowledge of the art of spinning no longer exists in most American homes. Most grandmothers, aunts, and mothers who were skilled at hand spinning are gone. With the coming of electrically powered machines no one saw any necessity of passing these skills on to the next generation.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(June 17, 1986)

Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM ON LINCOLN'S KENTUCKY YEARS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. On Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29th, the film feature is "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years" narrated by film star Burgess Meredith. The film will be shown two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky on Sunday, February 12, 1809. Abraham Lincoln's earliest recollection of his youth was of his family's third Kentucky farm on Knob Creek. In Kentucky, the Lincoln children attended A. B. C. schools for short periods of time. Lincoln remembered his baby brother who died there, and he remembered listening to his mother as she read the family Bible. When only seven he and his family moved to Indiana "partly on account of slavery, but chiefly on account of the difficulty in land titles in Kentucky." This fast paced, beautiful film describes those short first seven years of Lincoln's life in his birth state of Kentucky.

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THE MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT)
Admission is free.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(June 24, 1986)

THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The award-winning, 30-minute film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" will be offered over the Independence Day weekend, Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6. The film will be shown two times daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium. Admission is free.

On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln became the first American President to be assassinated. The shock and mourning that followed his assassination was profound and widespread. The martyred president quickly became the most beloved of American heroes.

Why was Lincoln murdered by John Wilkes Booth? Was there a high level conspiracy to kill the President? Did Lincoln's own War Department know of the plot to kidnap and kill the President? Why wasn't Booth captured alive when he could have been? Since Lincoln's assassination, there have been many questions, but fewer answers about Booth's terrible deed. This film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" attempts to answer some of these questions. The film is unique in that it also

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attempts to describe the conditions, circumstances, and theories behind Lincoln's death.

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(June 24, 1986)

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD SPECIAL EXHIBIT: "DANIELS AND HIS LINCOLN IN STONE"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to see a special exhibit on the sculptured panels of the Memorial Visitor Center. The exhibit, "Daniels and His Lincoln in Stone," will be on display for public viewing daily June 24 through July 13, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST) in the Memorial Visitor Center.

The Memorial Visitor Center at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial was designed with two Memorial Halls and a connecting Cloister. The resulting Memorial Court features five sculptured panels marking significant periods in the life of Abraham Lincoln. In 1941, stone sculptor Elmer H. (E.H.) Daniels was employed to create the five bas-relief sculptured panels that were to highlight Indiana's tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

Using photographs, text, and one of the original plaster models, the exhibit illustrates the steps sculptor Daniels went through to achieve Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial's tribute in stone to Abraham Lincoln.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD DISPLAYS CLOTHS, QUILTS, AND FIBERS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to see an exhibit of homemade pioneer articles fashioned by the "wimminfolk" at the park's Lincoln Living Historical Farm. The "touch and feel" display of pioneer cloth, fibers, and quilts, may be viewed daily July 1 through July 31 in the Memorial Visitor Center at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

During the first two decades of the nineteenth century, few resources were available in southern Indiana for making clothing. After the pioneer cleared the forest and could begin to cultivate his land and raise domesticated animals, his family had a better chance to improve and change their wardrobe with the seasons. Wool became available for winter wear, and farm-produced cotton and linen found its way into a variety of sturdy, useful garments for all seasons.

Although manufactured goods became available to Indiana residents as the textile industry expanded, the residents of the southern part of the State of Indiana continued to produce most of their own fiber and clothing at home.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(June 30, 1986)

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LINCOLN'S TRIAL BY FIRE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The multi-award winning, 45 minute film, "Lincoln's Trial by Fire" will be offered Monday through Friday, July 7 - July 11. The film is scheduled for showing two times daily at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium. Admission is free.

Lincoln and his cabinet were genuinely alarmed by the political impact of the Dred Scott decision, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the possible dissolution of the Union. Crisis followed crisis until Lincoln had no choice but to act with his military. He called upon a severe critic, General George McClellan, to serve as commander of the Union forces. Soon, a special conflict threatened the very power of the Presidency. Political intrigue, the war effort, and Lincoln's difficulty with his generals are highlights of this film on Lincoln's early years as President.

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(July 1, 1986)

LIVING FARM HISTORIC GARDEN TOUR OFFERED

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to accompany a Park Ranger on a scheduled guided tour of the historic herb garden, vegetable garden, and field crop areas at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The guided walks through the garden areas will be led by men and women in pioneer attire and are scheduled to begin at 2:00p.m. (CDT) Saturday and Sunday, July, 12 and July, 13.

Visitors attending the program should allow about an hour for the garden tour and should assemble outside the gate to the farm cabin at the appointed hour. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Admission is free.

Administered by the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the interior, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, is located on Indiana Hwy. 162, adjacent to Lincoln Visitor Center is open daily from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (CDT)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(August 11, 1986)

Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM ON LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial to be offered Sunday through Saturday, August 17 - August 23. The film feature will be "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln". The film is scheduled for twice daily showings beginning at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium. Admission is free.

On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln became the first American President to be assassinated. The shock and mourning that followed Abraham Lincoln's death was profound and widespread. The martyred president quickly became the most beloved of American heroes.

Why was Lincoln murdered by John Wilkes Booth? Was there a high level conspiracy to kill the President? Did Lincoln's own War Department know of the plot to kidnap and kill the President? Why wasn't John W. Booth captured alive when he might have been? Since Lincoln's assassination, sensationalists have capitalized on the unanswered or twisted reasons for Booth's terrible deed. This film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" attempts to answer some of these questions. The film is unique in that it also attempts to describe the conditions, circumstances

and theories behind Lincoln's death.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(August 12, 1986)

Contact: Jerry Sanders
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PIONEER WASHDAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE AT LINCOLN FARM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, to learn to wash clothes the "pioneer way." Led by costumed demonstration farmers and interpreters, the two hour program, "Pioneer Washday," will be offered Saturday and Sunday August 23 and August 24 (weather permitting) from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT) each day. After a short "how to" and safety message, visitors will be invited to try their hand at washing clothes much like pioneer women did during the early days of Indiana's statehood.

Pioneer women worked hard. Besides the burden of cooking over an open fire, pioneer women were required to do many other farm chores. Washing the family clothing was one such chore. On washday, the men and boys in the family usually carried many buckets of water to fill a kettle suspended over an outdoor fire. After the water came to a boil, the women took over, "battlin" and then "rubbin" and "bilin." Determined, hardworking, "wash-wimmin" could do a week's washing in from four to six hours.

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"HANDS ON" PIONEER SKILLS PROGRAM "LEARN TO CARD AND SPIN"

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special "hands-on" pioneer skills weekend at Lincoln Boyhood Living Historical Farm, to learn to "Card and Spin." Led by costumed interpreters the two hour program will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT) each day. After a short "how to" and safety message, visitors will be given the opportunity to learn something of our pioneer heritage - the art of hand carding and spinning wool and cotton.

In the short span of a few generations, practical knowledge of the art of spinning no longer exists in most American homes. Most grandmothers, aunts, and mothers who knew the art of spinning are gone. With the coming of electrically powered machines and the mills, no one saw any necessity of passing these skills on to the next generation.

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(September 8, 1986)

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL "HANDS ON" PIONEER SKILLS PROGRAM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills program at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm to learn how to fashion some pioneer handtools called Gluts, Mauls, and Handles. Led by costumed demonstration farmers and interpreters, the program, "Making Gluts, Mauls, and Handles," will be offered Sunday, September 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT). After "how to" and safety messages, visitors will be invited to try their hand at the construction of these simple pioneer tools.

Our country's abundance of wood and the pioneer's pride in good carpentry resulted in the need for an amazing array of wooden tools. Abraham Lincoln, the "railsplitter," used three tools to split rails; he used a wooden wedge called a "glut," a wooden sledge called a "maul," and a metal wedge to begin the splitting process. Many tools still require wooden handles including the axe, the maul, and the hoe. Handmade tools are nearly a thing of the past because of modern manufacturing methods. So come, learn by doing and take a piece of pioneer America home with you!

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Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles west of Santa Claus, Indiana. The park is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT). Admission is free.

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Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD ANNOUNCES EXTENDED VISITOR CENTER HOURS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will extend its hours of operation at the Memorial Visitor Center beginning June 14, 1987. The additional hours are intended to accommodate evening visitors who will attend the new "Young Abe Lincoln" drama in Lincoln State Park.

The Memorial Visitor Center hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily June 14 through August 29, 1987. Beginning August 30 the hours of operation will return to the traditional 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule. There will be no change to the operating hours of the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. Costumed rangers operate the farm daily spring, summer, and fall 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Memorial operates on Central Time. The park's walking trails and outdoor sites are open during daylight hours every day.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site where Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried and where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 years -- from 1816 to 1830. The Memorial is located at Lincoln City on Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, home of the outdoor drama "Young Abe Lincoln," four miles south of Dale, and four miles west of Santa Claus.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial has an admission fee of \$1.00 per person (maximum charge per family is \$3.00) which entitles the guest to visit all park attractions and attend all park activities. There is no admission charge for educational groups, for children age 12 and under, or senior citizens age 62 or over.

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Contact: Lee Jewell
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(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Effective immediately, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial has a new telephone number, announced Norm Hellmers, Superintendent of the 200-acre national park at Lincoln City that preserves the site where the 16th President grew to manhood. The new number is (812) 937-4541." Until new phone directories are published, persons dialing the old number will receive an operator message providing the new park number, 937-4541.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, located just off Indiana State Route 162 between Santa Claus and Gentryville, Indiana, operates daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., central time. For information about the National Park Service, or local park programs including the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, call (812) 937-4541.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(June 23, 1987)

THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The award-winning, 30-minute film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" will be offered over the Independence Day weekend, Friday, July 3 through Sunday July 5. The film will be shown two times daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln became the first American President to be assassinated. The shock and mourning that followed his his assassination was profound and widespread. The martyred president quickly became the most beloved of American heroes.

Why was Lincoln murdered by John Wilkes Booth? Was there a high level conspiracy to kill the President? Did Lincoln's own War Department know of the plot to kidnap and kill the President? Why wasn't Booth captured alive when he could have been? Since Lincoln's assassination, there have been many questions, but fewer answers about Booth's terrible deed. This film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" attempts to answer some of these questions. The film is unique that it also

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Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial has a pay-once-price admission of \$1.00 which entitles the guest to visit all park attractions and attend all park activities. There is no admission charge for educational groups, for children age 11 and under, or senior citizens age 62 or over.

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(July 1, 1987)

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WITH SPECIAL CEREMONY

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) On July 12, 1987, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its establishment as a National Memorial. This occasion will be commemorated at a special rededication program at the park. Dr. Mark E. Neely, Jr., Director, Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum will be the featured speaker. The public is invited.

The outdoor program will begin at 2:00 p.m. (CDT) and will take place within the park on the Allee, a landscaped area located between the Memorial Visitor Center and the gravesite of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's mother. The program includes the special address by Dr. Mark E. Neely, Jr., remarks by William Penn Mott, Jr., Director of the National Park Service; by William A. Koch, of Santa Claus; and by Wayne Roell, Judge, Spencer County Circuit Court. Program music will be performed by Lori Koch. A flag ceremony by Abe Lincoln American Legion Post 444 of Dale, Indiana, is also planned. The program is scheduled to last one and one-half hours.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial would also like to invite area

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residents to attend the July 12th evening performance of YOUNG ABE LINCOLN the new outdoor drama premiering this year in the 1514-seat Lincoln Amphitheater in neighboring Lincoln State Park. July 12th has been designated "National Park Service Night" at the drama.

The anniversary celebration at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will include special exhibits and activities at the Memorial Visitor Center and Lincoln Living Historical Farm on Saturday July 11, and Sunday July 12. These include: "Lincoln His Family and His Tragedy," an exhibit of rare Lincoln prints and lithographs; "Learn to Card and Spin," an opportunity for park visitors to learn something of our pioneer heritage -- the art of carding and spinning; and scheduled film presentations of "Here I Grew Up" and "Pioneer Days in Indiana."

Seating for 400 is available at the July 12 ceremonies. Late arrivals should bring lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather the program will be held indoors at the Heritage Hills High School auditorium at Lincoln City.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the Indiana farm where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 years -- from 1816 to 1830 -- and the site where his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried.

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(July 8, 1987)

Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM ON LINCOLN'S LIFE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. On Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, the film feature is "A New Birth of Freedom". The film is scheduled for showings twice daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CDT).

The film, "A New Birth of Freedom," tells the life story of Abraham Lincoln -- from his birth in 1809 in a wilderness log cabin, to his violent assassination at the hands of John Wilkes Booth, 56 years later. Photographed in accurate detail at the major National Park Service Lincoln-related sites, the 24-minute film relates the stirring story of his hard-working boyhood, his self-education and study of law, his first steps into politics at age 25, his efforts to stop slavery from spreading into the territories, his election as President, the saving of the Union at a terrible cost of lives, and his martyrdom.

Administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is located on Indiana highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles west of Santa Claus, Indiana. The Memorial Visitor Center and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm are open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CDT).

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(July 10, 1987)

Contact: Jerry Sanders
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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SANDBURG LINCOLN FILMS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free six-part Lincoln Film Series at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial from Monday through Saturday, July 20-25 at noon each day. The six-hour series titled "Sandburg's Lincoln," stars Hal Holbrook and Sada Thompson. Each hour-long film, complete in itself, will be shown in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium.

July 20 (12:00 Noon)
THE PRAIRIE LAWYER

Young Lawyer, Abraham Lincoln, rides the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Illinois. Lincoln has a courtship with Mary Owen. Lincoln defends Henry Truett, on trial for murder, with Stephen Douglas as the prosecutor. Lincoln meets Mary Todd at a dance in Springfield, Illinois.

July 21 (12:00 Noon)
CROSSING FOX RIVER

Abraham Lincoln receives the Republican nomination for President. Lincoln and his aides begin the selection of his potential cabinet members. South Carolina secedes from the Union. Lincoln is elected the 16th President of the United States amid much turmoil and talk of war. The Lincoln family moves to Washington, D.C. for the inauguration.

July 22 (12:00 Noon)
THE UNWILLING WARRIOR

Expecting an attempt on Lincoln's life in Baltimore, Pinkerton's detectives sneak Lincoln into Washington on a different train. Lincoln takes some lessons in war strategy from a young friend and officer who later becomes the first Union Officer killed in the Civil War. Secretary of War, Simon Cameron, is reassigned as Ambassador to Russia after Lincoln discovers that Cameron has been making a large profit by reselling supposedly defective arms back to the government.

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Lincoln discusses with General McClellan his promotion to General of the Army. When McClellan doesn't work out, Lincoln appoints Ulysses S. Grant to replace him. Lincoln visits Richmond near the end of the war.

July 23 (12:00 Noon)
MRS. LINCOLN'S HUSBAND

Mary Todd Lincoln's Southern sister raises suspicion by visiting the White House. Rumors spread that Mrs. Lincoln is actually a southern spy. Twelve year-old Willie Lincoln, third son of the Lincolns, dies of malaria. Mary shows her temper as she goes into a jealous rage at General Ord's wife. Mary's loyalty is questioned by a Congressional committee.

July 24 (12:00 Noon)
SAD FIGURE LAUGHING

Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon Chase, is torn between his loyalty to the President and his desire to become President. His supporters issue pamphlets and newspaper articles pushing his campaign without his full support. Chase offers his resignation, but Lincoln tells him it is not necessary. Later, over another matter, Chase again resigns and much to everyone's surprise, Lincoln accepts. Lincoln is nominated for a second term even though he has some self-doubts. Lincoln is reelected in 1864 and is sworn in by the newly appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Salmon Chase.

July 25 (12:00 Noon)
LAST DAYS

The Civil War is finally over and President Lincoln and his Cabinet discuss reconstruction of the South. Lincoln has a premonition of his own death. President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln, on an afternoon in the country, April 14, 1865, discuss their plans and desires for their time together after Lincoln leaves the Presidency.

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LEARN TO RIVE AND SPLIT

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The pioneer's abundance of wood and his carpentry skills often resulted in an amazing array of specialty tools. To split shingles and clapboards, for example, a knife-type wedge called a froe was struck with a wooden club called a maul. Modern equipment made the froe obsolete about a century ago. Surprisingly, an axe was not used to split rail fencing. Abraham Lincoln, the "railsplitter," used three tools to split rails: a wooden wedge called a "glut," a wooden sledge called a "beetle" and a metal wedge to begin the splitting process.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS INDIANA PIONEER FILM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. On Sunday, July 26, 1987, the film feature is "Pioneer Days in Indiana." The film will be shown two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

On the frontier farm almost everyone practiced at least two, if not more, professions. Thomas Lincoln was first a farmer and second a carpenter and house-joiner. The film "Pioneer Days in Indiana," describes a variety of pioneer tools and activities that were used by men like Thomas Lincoln. Once our land was covered with giant trees of oak, maple, and hickory which one settler described as "woods, woods, woods, as far as the world extends...". How did the pioneer clear the land, plow with a horse, cut logs as big as small buildings, prepare maple syrup, churn butter, or prepare a meal over an open fire? This 23-minute color film gives viewers an opportunity to journey back into the past and understand how the pioneer lived in Indiana more than 160 years ago.

The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial film, "Here I Grew Up," narrated by the late Senator Everett Dirksen, will be presented on the hour each hour from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The award-winning, 30-minute film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" will be offered Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16. The film will be shown two times daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium.

On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln became the first American President to be assassinated. The shock and mourning that followed his assassination was profound and widespread. The martyred president quickly became the most beloved of American heroes.

Why was Lincoln murdered by John Wilkes Booth? Was there a high level conspiracy to kill the President? Did Lincoln's own War Department know of the plot to kidnap and kill the President? Why wasn't Booth captured alive when he could have been? Since Lincoln's assassination, there have been many questions, but fewer answers about Booth's terrible deed. This film, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" attempt to answer some of these questions. The film is unique in that it also attempts to describe the conditions, circumstances, and theories behind Lincoln's death.

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Rare Lincoln Document at Lincoln City

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) After 157 years, a rare document associated with Abraham Lincoln's schooldays is returning to his boyhood home at Lincoln City. The document is a page from young Abraham's personal arithmetic notebook (called a "Sum Book") prepared while he lived in southern Indiana. The original page will be on temporary display at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial for two weeks, between August 1 and August 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Memorial Visitor Center.

The document is on loan from the Collection of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Arrangements for its exhibition were made through Senator Dan Quayle, who is promoting Hoosier History Days in Spencer County on August 8 and 9. On Sunday, August 9, Senator Quayle and his family will have an opportunity to view the Sum Book page first hand when they visit the National Memorial. On that day at 11:00 a.m., Senator Quayle will introduce a special program about Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution to which the public is invited.

Abraham Lincoln lived with his family in Spencer County, Indiana, from 1816 to 1830. While receiving his education there "by littles," as Lincoln put it, he prepared a sum book or copybook of an undetermined number of pages. Abraham probably copied the arithmetic problems into his own copybook from the handwritten sum books of his teachers. Made of plain sheets of paper, measuring about 8 inches by 12 inches, the book was sewn together down the long side with string. From the book which may have originally had over 100 pages, only 10 are known to exist today. Abraham took the Sum Book with him in 1830, when his family left for Illinois in their wagons.

Norman Hellmers, Superintendent of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, announced that being able to display this "national treasure" is a unique event in the history of the Memorial. "We are extremely pleased to display this item," Hellmers said. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to see a real part of Indiana's Lincoln heritage."

The page on display at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, in addition to showing some of Lincoln's arithmetic work, has one of the earliest examples of young Abe's handwriting. In a corner of the page, Abraham wrote a typical schoolboy's verse:

Abraham Lincoln
His hand and pen
He will be good
But God knows when.

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PIONEER WASHDAY PROGRAM SCHEDULED AT LINCOLN FARM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special "hands-on" pioneer skills weekend at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, to learn to wash clothes the "pioneer way." Led by costumed demonstration farmers and interpreters, the two-hour program, "Pioneer Washday," will be offered Saturday and Sunday, August 22, and 23 (weather permitting), from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT) each day. After a short "how to" and safety message, visitors will be invited to try their hand at washing clothes much like pioneer women did during the early days of Indiana's statehood.

Pioneer women worked hard. Besides the burden of cooking over an open fire, pioneer women were required to do many other farm chores. Washing the family clothing was one such chore. On washday, the men and boys in the family usually carried many buckets of water to fill a kettle suspended over an outdoor fire. After the water came to a boil, the women took over, "battlin" and then "rubbin" and "bilin." Determined, hardworking, "wash-wimmin" could do a week's washing in from four to six hours.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN VISITOR CENTER HOURS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will change its hours of operation at the Memorial Visitor Center beginning Monday, August 31, 1987.

Beginning August 31 the hours of operation will return to the traditional 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule. There will be no change to the operation hours of the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. Costumed rangers operate the farm daily spring, summer, and fall 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Memorial operates on Central Time. The park's walking trails and outdoor sites are open during daylight hours every day.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site where Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried and where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 years -- from 1816 to 1830. The Memorial is located at Lincoln City on Indiana Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, home of the outdoor drama "Young Abe Lincoln," four miles south of Dale, and four miles west of Santa Claus.

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LEARN TO CARD AND SPIN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to attend a special "hands-on" pioneer skills weekend, August 29 - 30th, at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. The two-hour program will be offered at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) each day.

Visitors who attend "Learn to Card and Spin" will be given the opportunity to learn something of our pioneer heritage - the art of hand carding and spinning wool.

In the short span of a few generations, practical knowledge of the art of spinning no longer exists in most American homes. Most grandmothers, aunts, and mothers who were skilled at hand spinning are gone. With the coming of electrically powered machines no one saw any necessity of passing these skills on to the next generation.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM SHOWINGS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial plans to hold a Lincoln Film Festival over Labor Day Weekend, Saturday through Monday, September 3-5. The film, "The Face of Lincoln," is to be featured during the weekend film festival and will be shown free of charge in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium. The twenty-five minute film will be shown four times daily: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (CDT).

The film, "The Face of Lincoln," is unique in that the history of Lincoln's life is told by an art professor, who swiftly molds and sculpts Lincoln's face from youth to old age before our very eyes! We first meet Abe Lincoln the boy, then the teenage pioneer, next a young man of the frontier, the beginning politician, the adult lawyer and husband, and finally Lincoln -- the careworn President.

The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial film, "Here I Grew Up," narrated by the late Senator Everett Dirksen, will be presented on the hour each day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM ON LINCOLN'S KENTUCKY YEARS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invited the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Scheduled for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 5-7, the film feature is "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years," narrated by film star Burgess Meredith. The film will be offered two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky on Sunday, February 12, 1809. Abraham Lincoln's earliest recollection of his youth was of his family's third Kentucky farm on Knob Creek. In Kentucky, Lincoln remembered his baby brother who died there, and he remembered listening to his mother as she read the family Bible. When only seven he and his family moved to Indiana "partly on account of slavery, but chiefly on account of the difficulty in land titles in Kentucky." This swiftly moving and beautiful film describes those short first seven years of Lincoln's life in his birth state of Kentucky.

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FILM SHOWINGS ON LINCOLN'S LIFE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial to be offered on Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13. The film feature is "Abraham Lincoln - The Great American." The film is scheduled for twice daily showings at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

"Abraham Lincoln - The Great American" introduces viewers to the lifetime of achievements of Abraham Lincoln. We meet Abraham Lincoln the frontiersman, the politician, the lawyer, husband, and the troubled 16th President of our Nation. The film helps to describe a younger America and the impact Mr. Lincoln made on his country.

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VISUAL IMPRESSIONS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial invites the public to view a most special Lincoln exhibit "The Visual Impressions of Abraham Lincoln." The exhibit will be on display at the Memorial Visitor Center daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 6 through November 30, 1987.

When Abraham Lincoln was nominated for president in 1860, he was a mid-western politician whose face was unknown. By the time he delivered the Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, he was recognized by everyone who came to hear him. Lincoln's face became familiar to Americans nationwide through the efforts of the printmaker. At that time in our nation's history it was not possible to run photographs in newspapers, or to make camera records of historical events. It was up to the printmakers who worked from photographs, sketches, or portraits to create a record of Lincoln and his Presidency.

This collection of rare printmakers' images document Lincoln's emergence from obscurity to the status of a revered national hero. The exhibit theme is Abraham Lincoln - his face as candidate and President. The exhibit is of immense interest and value to anyone interested in Abraham Lincoln and the era of American history he helped shape.

This first time ever public showing of the "Visual Impressions of Abraham Lincoln" was made possible through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, South Bend, Indiana residents, and collectors of Lincoln memorabilia. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's collection furnishes a rare and interesting glimpse of our 16th President who grew to manhood on a farm in southern Indiana, today's Lincoln Living Historical Farm at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS SPECIAL "HANDS ON" PIONEER SKILLS PROGRAM

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills program at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm to learn how to fashion some pioneer handtools called Gluts, Mauls, and Handles. Led by costumed demonstration farmers and interpreters, the program "Making Gluts, Mauls, and Handles," will be offered Sunday, September 20, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT). After "how to" and safety messages, visitors will be invited to try their hand at the construction of these simple pioneer tools.

Our country's abundance of wood and the pioneer's pride in good carpentry resulted in the need for an amazing array of wooden tools. Abraham Lincoln, the "railsplitter," used three tools to split rails; he used a wooden wedge called a "glut", a wooden sledge called a "maul", and a metal wedge to begin the splitting process. Many tools still require wooden handles including the axe, the maul, and the hoe. Handmade tools are nearly a thing of the past because of modern manufacturing methods. So come, learn by doing and take a piece of pioneer American home with you!

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD FILM ON LINCOLN'S FACE

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26, the film feature is "The Face of Lincoln." The film will be offered two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center auditorium.

The film "The Face of Lincoln" is unique in that the history of Lincoln's life is told by an art professor who swiftly molds and sculpts Lincoln's face from youth to old age before your very eyes! You first meet Abe Lincoln the boy, then as a teenage pioneer, next as a young frontiersman, then the beginning politician, the adult lawyer and husband, and finally Lincoln -- the careworn President.

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LINCOLN BOYHOOD PRESENTS FILM ON LINCOLN'S KENTUCKY YEARS

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a free film presentation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 3-4, the film feature is "Lincoln, The Kentucky Years," narrated by film star Burgess Meredith. The film will be offered two times daily beginning at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Memorial Visitor Center Auditorium.

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DIPPING CANDLES THE PIONEER WAY

(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) The National Park Service invites the public to attend a special "hands on" pioneer skills weekend on October 10 and 11, at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, to learn methods of making candles much like the Lincoln family did during their years in Indiana.

The two hour program, led by pioneer ladies at the cabin, will be offered daily (weather permitting) from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m/ (CDT). Following a short "how to" session, visitors will then be invited to dip candles by hand.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site where Abraham Lincoln lived for 14 formative years -- from 1816 to 1830. The Memorial is located at Lincoln City, Indiana, on Highway 162, adjacent to Lincoln State Park, four miles west of Santa Claus. The Memorial Visitor Center is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Contact: Don Adams
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(LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA) Returning visitors and residents visiting Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial this fall will observe some dramatic changes to the appearance of the park, Norm Hellmers, Park Superintendent, said today. The National Park Service is undertaking a six-month restoration project of the historic landscaping of the grounds around the Memorial Visitor Center, the parking Plaza, and the Allee leading to the flagpole and Nancy Hanks Lincoln gravesite.

Superintendent Hellmers stated that the restoration project which is being performed by Green Thumb Professional Landscaping and Garden Centers, Inc. of St. Anthony, Indiana, will occur in two phases. The removal phase, which began on October 14, involves removing all of the vegetation around the Memorial Visitor Center, along both sides of the Allee and around the Flag Court. Trees and shrubbery will be removed for a distance of about 50 feet back from the east and west Allee walkways and from the Plaza stone wall northward to the base of the Flag Court.

When the area is clear of vegetation, stumps will be removed and the ground will be prepared for the second phase of the project which is the replanting of 511 shrubs and trees. Species to be planted include 24 Northern Red Oak trees around the Parking Plaza and 20 Tulip Poplar trees and 20

Sycamore trees along both sides of the Allee. Red Osier dogwood shrubs will be set out along the outside of the Allee walkways. Scandia Juniper shrubs will occupy the center island in the parking Plaza, and other historically correct shrubs and trees will be planted to complete the Historic Planting Plan.

The reason for the Historic Landscaping Project, Hellmers noted, is because during the 55 years since the park was created, most of the trees and shrubs which were planted in the 1930's have died and were not replaced. The surviving vegetation has grown to a size where it is not manageable. A further problem was that trees and shrubs were allowed to grow which were not part of the original landscape plan designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., and modified and implemented through 1944 by the Indiana Department of Conservation.

Also as a part of the project, the two sets of sandstone steps at the north end of the Allee are being restored by resetting original and newly-cut stone steps and installing iron safety handrails for the safety and convenience of visitors.

According to Hellmers, the National Park Service has determined that the best solution to restore the landscaping to what was originally intended, is to remove the affected vegetation and completely replant the grounds according to a Historic Landscaping Plan based on Olmsted and the Department of Conservation. Hellmers noted that while there will be an immediate, drastic change in the appearance of the grounds, the long-term benefit will be landscaping more attractive than ever.

Further information about the Lincoln Boyhood Historic Landscaping Restoration Project may be obtained by calling the park during business hours 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily at (812) 937-4541, or by coming in person to the Memorial Visitor Center located just off Indiana Highway 162 across from Lincoln State Park.



Historic Landscaping Restoration Project

INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 1987, the National Park Service will begin restoration of the historic landscaping of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. The areas to be landscaped include the exterior of the Memorial Building, the parking Plaza, and the Allee walkway and flagpole areas. The project will include removal of the existing trees and shrubs, and replanting according to the historic landscape plans developed and implemented in the 1930's. The purpose of this bulletin is to explain what the project is all about. There will be some dramatic changes in the appearance of the grounds -- especially up the Allee -- while this project is being implemented. So the National Park Service wants everyone to know what will be done and why it is necessary.

HISTORY OF THE LANDSCAPING

The basic landscape designs of the "formal" portions of the Memorial grounds were originally created 60 years ago by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., the son of the world-famous landscape architect, who founded the Olmsted Brothers Landscape firm in Brookline, Massachusetts. Using Olmsted's concepts, the Indiana Department of Conservation assigned Donald B. Johnston to develop a working design. These plans were implemented by 1938. Later, when the Memorial Building was constructed, these landscape plans were modified and added to by Edson L. Nott, who also was a landscape architect for the Department of Conservation. Nott's plans were implemented by 1944 when the Memorial Building was completed.

Since that time, however, most of the trees and shrubs which were planted have died and were not replaced. Many of the surviving shrubs, such as those around the Memorial Building, have grown to a size where they are no longer manageable. Also, many trees and plants which were not part of the plan were allowed to grow and were not removed. The result today is that the landscaping of the Memorial grounds is a haphazard mixture of remnants of the original landscaping and numerous trees and other plants which don't belong there.

The National Park Service has determined that the best solution to restore the landscaping to what was originally intended is to remove what is left, and to completely replant the grounds according to the original plans of Olmsted, Johnston, and Nott.

RESTORATION:

Stage one --

Removal of Vegetation

The Historic Landscaping Restoration Project will occur in two stages. The first stage involves removing all existing vegetation around the Memorial Building and up the Allee. Trees, shrubs, and other vegetation will be removed from the Allee for a distance of 47 feet back from the east and west Allee walkways. Large trees will be removed for an additional 20 feet into the forest. The 55-year-old cedar trees at the north end of the Allee will be preserved. Next, the mixture of shrubs bordering the Flag Court and fronting the pioneer cemetery will be removed, as well as the shrubbery around the Memorial Visitor Center. When this vegetation is removed, the area -- especially the Allee -- will look bare, and very different from its present appearance. Frankly, to many, it will not look good; but it is the only way to restore what belongs there. (The process of restoration could be compared to braces for a child's teeth -- it may not be attractive at first, but the final result should be beautiful.)

RESTORATION:

Stage Two --

Replanting

The second stage of work is to carry out the historic planting plan. First comes the preparation of the ground to replace historically correct vegetation. Workmen will then set out 511 plants consisting of 24 northern red oak trees, 20 tulip poplar trees, 20 sycamore trees, red osier dogwood shrubs, scandia juniper shrubs, and other trees and shrubs to complete the plan. The dogwood shrubs, tulip poplars, and sycamores will be planted in three spaced rows parallel to the Allee walkways extending northward from the Plaza stone wall to the beginning of the flag court. The dogwoods and other trees and shrubs will also be restored to their original locations around the Memorial Visitor Center. The island in the center of the parking Plaza will receive plantings of scandia juniper. The planting of 24 northern red oaks in four groups of six trees each around the parking Plaza will finish the historic planting plan.

Also as part of this project, the sandstone steps at the north end of the Allee are being restored by resetting the original and newly-cut stone steps and installing iron safety handrails. This will complete the Lincoln Boyhood Historic Landscaping Restoration Project. As these new plants grow and mature, the landscaping of the Memorial will be more beautiful than ever.

If there are any questions about these plans, please contact Superintendent Norman Hellmers at (812) 937-4541.



